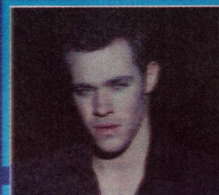
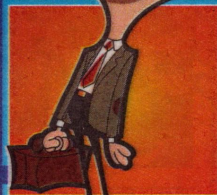


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That lovable geek, Mr Bean, is back causing chaos in his own cartoon series

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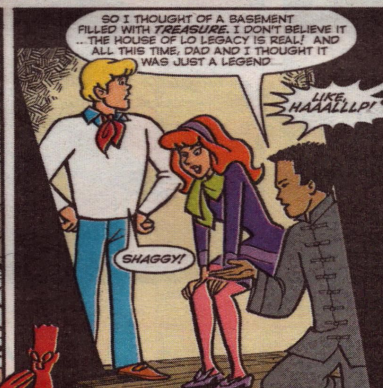


Storm force
Funday chases around central USA in the search of deadly tornadoes

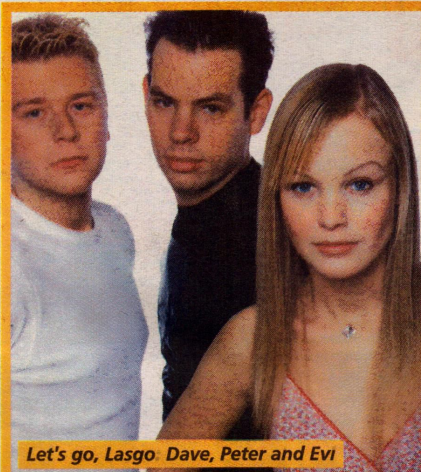
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SCOOPY-DOO! in THE REVENGER

The story so far – Scooby-Doo and Shaggy are on the run as they are about to feel the full force of The Revenger's wrath!



More Inside



Let's go, Lasgo: Dave, Peter and Evi

SOMETHING SPECIAL

With Pop Idol over, we thought we'd look for something new and exciting to get all jiggy about – and we discovered Belgian dance act, Lasgo. Lasgo is made up of two producers, Dave McCullen and Peter Luts, and 21-year-old singer, Evi. Their first single, Something, has already gone gold in Belgium and has hit the top 10 in Spain, Germany and Holland. The dance anthem is out here tomorrow, and we caught up with Evi last week to see how she feels about her groovy single. "It's really hard for a Belgian person to launch a single in the UK, so I'm really happy," Evi grins. Lasgo was born when Dave and Peter met in a record shop in the Belgian city of Antwerp. The lads decided to collaborate and Dave asked his

childhood friend, Evi, to do the vocals. "I was over the moon when Dave asked me to join," Evi gasps. "I couldn't wait to get back into singing, I was working in a clothes store, selling shoes at the time!" Since then the band have gone from strength to strength but Evi is keen to keep everything in perspective. "I do get excited and I'd love to be famous but you have to keep it in your mind that it could all go wrong tomorrow," she ponders. But for the time being, Evi and the boys spend most of their time in their studio in Antwerp. "It's a fantastic city but I live in a small town just outside," explains Evi. "I can't go out much because I have to look after my voice. I'm not supposed to talk too much ... and I love to talk!"

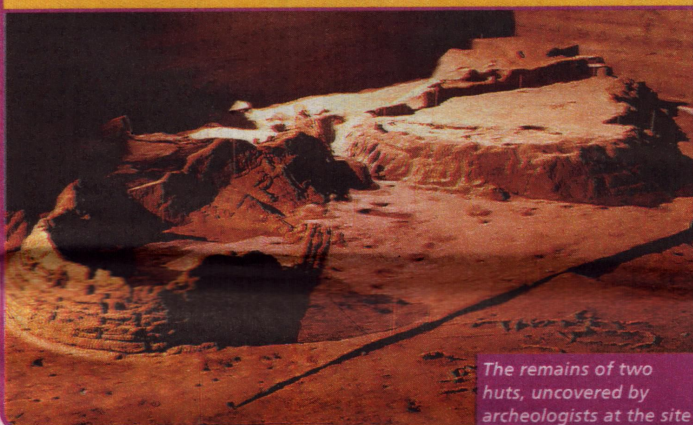


Scooby-Doo is back solving another mystery next week!

FUNDAY NEWS

Bronze Age Pompeii

A well-preserved village, believed to have been buried by volcanic ash nearly 3,500 years ago, has been unearthed near the famous Roman ruins of Pompeii, Italy. Archeologists discovered the village while testing to see whether a shopping centre could be built in the area. They believe that the site, which is about 12km from Mount Vesuvius, was buried under volcanic ash after an eruption in 1,500BC [1,579 years before the Pompeii disaster]. Items found include jugs, cups and bowls filled with cereals. There are no human remains in the village apart from footprints, suggesting that people fled before the eruption. "This is by far the best-preserved prehistoric village in Italy and one of the best in the world," says Guiseppe Vecchio, the director of the excavation.



The remains of two huts, uncovered by archeologists at the site

Chocolate chips!

We all love chips and we love chocolate, but what about chocolate-flavoured chips? In America, Cocoa Crispers are part of a new range of frozen chips called Funky Fries. Other crazy chip creations include sour cream and chive, cinnamon and sugar flavours, plus Crunchy Rings [which look like a potato doughnut] and Kool Blue – a lurid bright-blue chip. John Carroll, a US marketing chief for Heinz, says that the idea for the new range of surprising spuds came from market research. "We simply asked kids what would make them eat more French fries," he says. The products will be available in America from May and should arrive in Britain later this year.



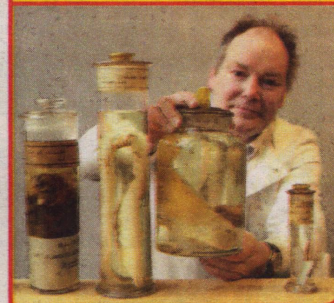
Dog talk

A Japanese toy-making firm has come up with a gadget that it claims can read dogs' emotions! The Bowlingual can identify six feelings in dogs' voices – alarm frustration, self-expression, happiness, sadness and desire. The gadget is pre-programmed with digital patterns from a series of barks, which it matches with real barks and translates into sentences such as: "I'm lonely. Please play with me more!" The device is also fitted with a diary that sums up the dog's day with announcements such as: "So many fun things today. What an ultra-happy day." It comes with a wireless microphone that attaches to the mutt's collar. It is expected to go on sale in Japan in June for approximately £80.



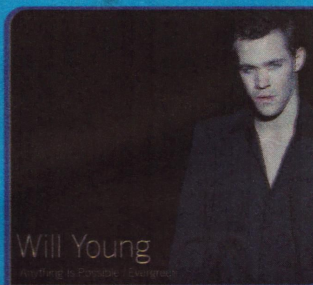
Pickled treasures

Zoological specimens collected by Charles Darwin on his journey to the Galapagos Islands, off the South American coast, are to be put on show for the first time. They will be displayed in the Natural History Museum's new £27m wing, the Darwin Centre, which opens in September. The pickled specimens have been in the museum's archives since they were preserved during Darwin's 1834 voyage aboard HMS Beagle. The specimens going on show will be the Patagonia iguana, the swift lizard, the brown rat, the sea bass, the pipefish, the parrotfish and the moray eel. They will be displayed alongside flints taken from the path of Darwin's home in Kent, where he walked while mulling over his theories of evolution.



Pop idle? No way!

Pop Idol Will Young jetted off to Cuba last week, to film the video for his new single, Evergreen [released tomorrow]. He may be the show's official winner but the other nine finalists are certainly no losers. Gareth Gates, who came a very close second to Will, has been promised a recording contract with BMG Records, thanks to Pop Idol judge Simon Cowell. He is set to release a cover version of the Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody on March 18. Darius, Zoe and Aaron are all having discussions with record labels and Rosie is hoping to pursue a career with Pete Waterman. Jessica is entering a song for the Eurovision Song Contest, Hayley is enjoying a presenting slot on This Morning, Laura has presented Top Of The Pops and Korben auditioned to replace Kym Marsh in Hear'Say. Plus, all 10 finalists are going on a tour of the UK next month. For tour dates and tickets call 0870 163 3401.



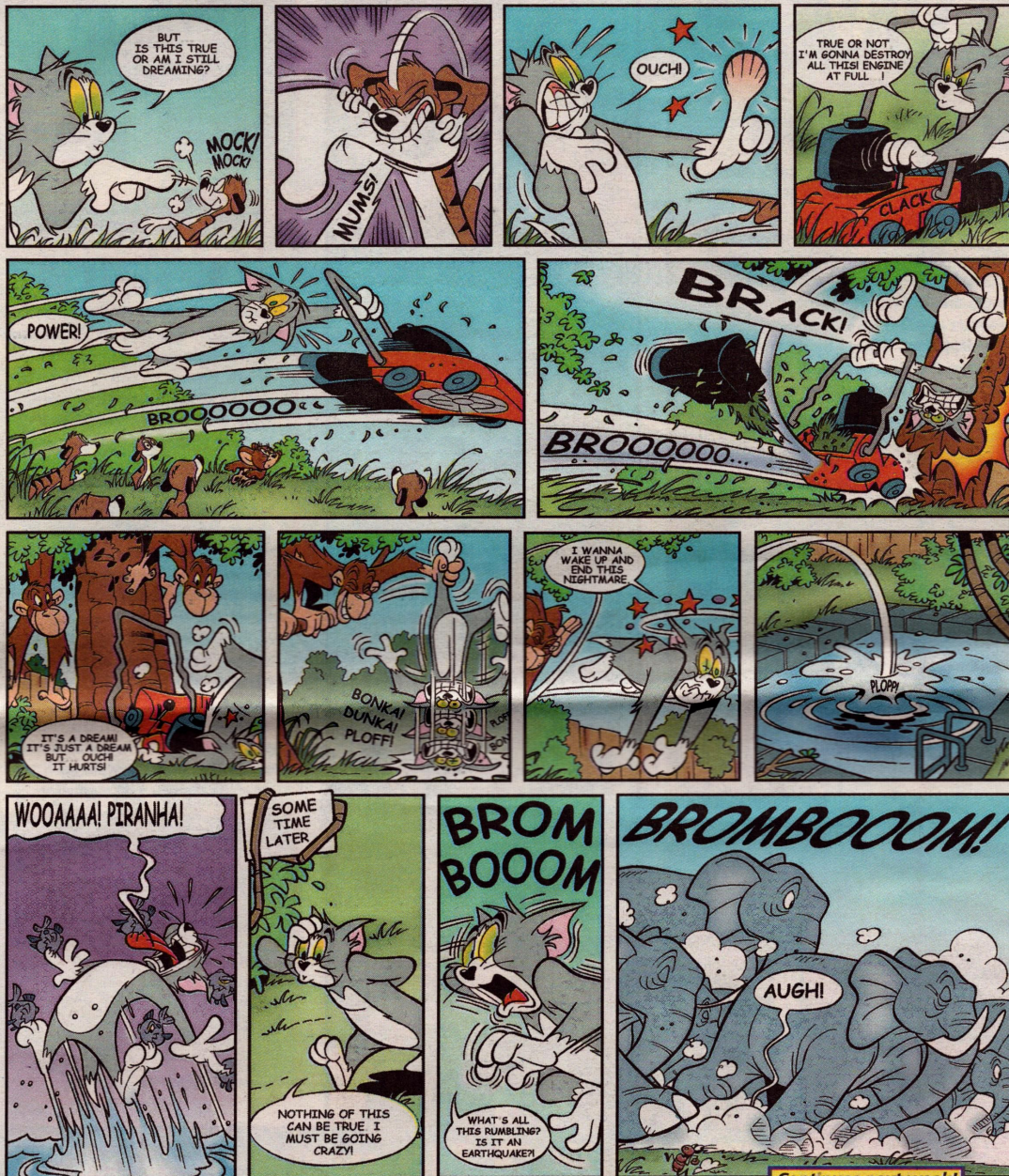
Zoe won the Funday Pop Idol poll, but whose records would you buy? Write and tell us





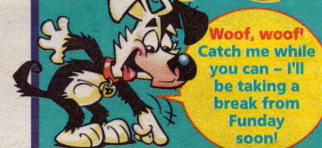
THE JUNGLE

The story so far – Tom can't believe how badly wrong his efforts to clear the garden have gone. But is it a dream?



Continues next week!

DAGSY DOG



My one-year-old dog, Bones, digs big holes in our garden. How can I make him stop this?

Julie Dalton, 9, Cork

It's common for dogs to dig a hole and then roll around in it to scent their territory.

If this becomes excessive then it may be due to a separation problem. Separation problems can be due to three reasons:

1. Boredom. To solve this you should tire him out so that he sleeps when left alone.
2. Fear and insecurity. Try to pinpoint the fear and remove the cause, or give him somewhere secure to hide.
3. Over-attachment. If a dog is not used to being alone it may become frantic when left. You can help him get used to being left by leaving him for short periods and then increasing the time gradually.



Advice by Blue Cross vet Mark Bossley

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:

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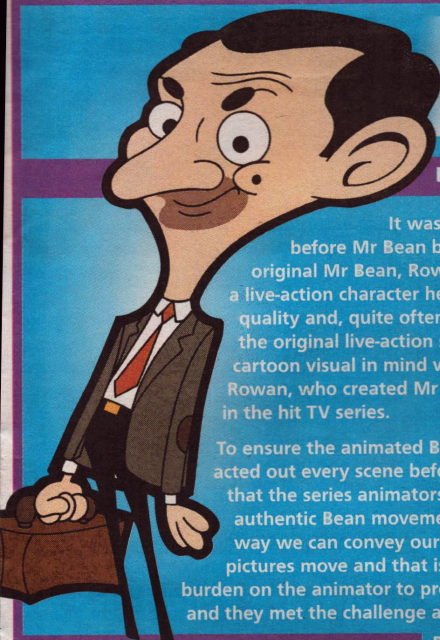


The Blue Cross, one of Britain's oldest animal welfare charities, has four animal hospitals, 11 adoption centres, and two equine centres. Last year, the charity found homes for 8,000 animals and treated more than 60,000 pets at its hospitals.



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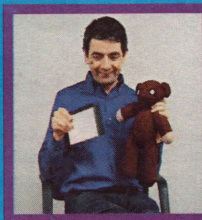
FULL OF BEANS

Bean is back! Miranda Nugent discovers how the comedy character made it as a cartoon creation

It was only a matter of time before Mr Bean became a cartoon, as the original Mr Bean, Rowan Atkinson, explains. "As a live-action character he always had a cartoon-like quality and, quite often when we were creating the original live-action series, we had a sort of cartoon visual in mind when discussing jokes," says Rowan, who created Mr Bean and then played him in the hit TV series.

To ensure the animated Bean was perfect, Rowan acted out every scene before cameras for each episode, so that the series animators could watch the tapes and capture authentic Bean movements. As Rowan reveals: "The only way we can convey our comedy is through the way the pictures move and that is very tricky, it puts a huge burden on the animator to provide the comedy effectively and they met the challenge admirably."

Rowan provided every vocal sound for the animated Mr Bean and worked on his cartoon transformation for more than two years. "I think in terms of per-screen-minutes, I've probably put as much time into



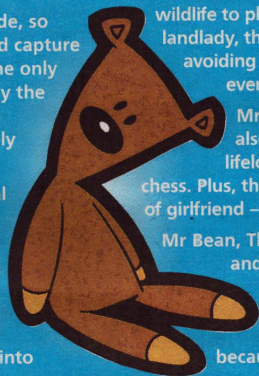
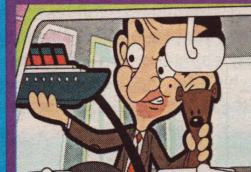
the animated series as I did into the live-action," he points out.

The hilarious episodes are made up of 52 brand new stories, based in the real world and following the disaster-prone Bean through various misadventures.

Whether he's looking for wildlife to photograph, irritating his landlady, the charmless Mrs Wicket, or avoiding her evil cat, Scrappie – everything always goes wrong!

Mr Bean's famous teddy bear also stars in the animated series. Teddy is Mr Bean's lifelong best friend – probably because he's easy to beat at chess. Plus, there's Irma Gobb, Mr Bean's geeky girlfriend. Well, sort of girlfriend – she only visits so that she can play with Teddy!

Mr Bean, The Animated Series looks likely to become a huge hit – and Rowan Atkinson still finds the character, he based on himself as a nine-year-old boy, funny. He tells us: "I have always completely believed in Mr Bean in terms of his ability to entertain but perhaps that's just because I still find him an extremely amusing character!"



Mr Bean, The Animated Series launches with Mr Bean night on ITV1 this Saturday

IT'S A TWIN THING

With a new George range of clothing at Asda, a new Fox Kids series and new books and videos – is there any stopping Mary-Kate and Ashley? Funday talks to the talented twins

What's the most fun thing about being famous?

Mary-Kate: We starred in the television series, Full House, when we were nine months old, and we've been in front of the camera ever since. There have been so many amazing things that we have been able to do and see. Travelling to Australia, London, Paris, and Italy has been the highlight for me.

Ashley: Travelling, making decisions for our company, meeting great people and having the opportunity to act have all been great.

What's the most frequently asked question from your fans – and what's the answer?

Ashley: The most frequently asked question from our fans would have to be: Where do we get our clothes? We have loved fashion ever since we can remember. We love to shop in New York and in boutique stores in LA.

Mary-Kate: We started a fashion line so that we could offer to our fans the same trends and styles that we love to wear.

Did you ever pretend to be one another?

Mary-Kate: You know, we get asked that question all the time, and no, we have never switched places. Ashley and I have our own individual style

but are definitely influenced by one another.

Ashley: Mary-Kate's overall style tends to be a bit funkier, whereas mine is a bit more classic.

Do you ever fight over boys and do you like the same type of guy?

Ashley: We've never had a big fight over a boy, but we definitely have the same taste. The biggest

problem seems to come when we are casting boys for our movies. We always seem to pick the same one!

Mary-Kate: The way we work this out is that I pick one for one movie and then Ashley picks the one for the next.

If you could have a celebrity boyfriend, who would it be and why?

Ashley: Brad Pitt, and if you have to ask me why, you need

to get your eyes checked!

Mary-Kate: Owen Wilson. I think he is one of the funniest guys around, and cute too.

What cool places did you visit last time you were in Britain?

Mary-Kate: That's a difficult question to answer, only because we have visited so many cool places while we were in England that we can't just pick one. One thing is for sure, the shopping is great!



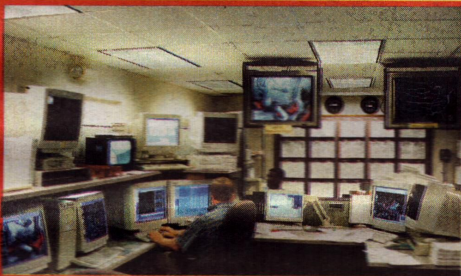
Do you love or loathe the Olsen twins? Write in and tell us!





1 Storm chasers are weather enthusiasts who risk their lives to follow the world's deadliest storms. Some are trained scientists, but many purely enjoy the thrill of joining a convoy and searching for the weather changes that lead to unpredictable, awesome tornadoes.

3 Hundreds of tornadoes touch down every year in America's Mid-West, but finding them is difficult. Chasers use information from the local weather bureau to pin-point activity. Live maps are downloaded from the internet, providing the latest meteorological information.

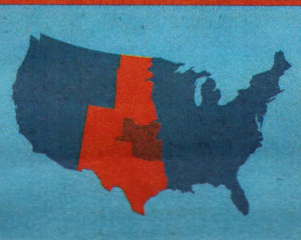


5 Tornado alley runs through America's great plains – a large flat area where warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico clashes with cold air travelling south from Canada. Each spring, explosive battles occur as the two collide, causing violent storms.



2 Storm-chasers traditionally used their instincts to search for tornadoes, but these days the convoy vans are packed with tracking equipment. A satellite navigation system helps the team find their way through the maze of country roads. Without this, the convoy could get into trouble – imagine being stuck on a dead-end road with a tornado approaching!

4 The worst storms are found in "tornado alley" – which stretches from Texas, through the worst affected states of Kansas and Oklahoma



[mapped dark red], and up to Nebraska. This area experiences more tornadoes than anywhere else in the world. But the storms are so unpredictable that chasers travel as far west as Colorado, south to New Mexico and north to the Dakotas.



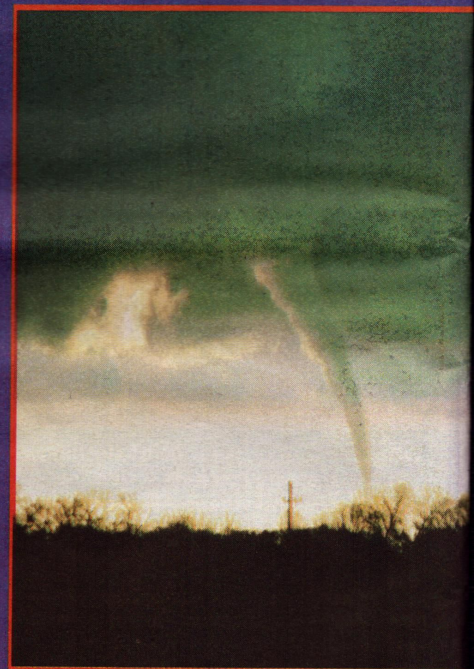
6 When the air masses meet, huge clouds expand upwards until they hit the stratosphere – the underside of the atmosphere, 15,000m above the Earth. The clouds form an anvil-shaped "super-cell" and if the storm is strong enough, a large swirling wind will form below the cloud. This is when the real action begins

7 As the storm generates, the skies darken and a sinister-looking low wall-cloud forms an ominous straight line across the sky.



STORM CHASERS

Gary Loach joins a group to track down the scary



8 The storm's inflow sucks up warm, moist air and anything else around too. While, on the other side of the storm, everything that's been sucked up gets thrown out. The outflow is freezing cold because the storm has sucked all the energy out of the air.

STORM SING!

of storm chasers in America,
riest storms in the world!



9 As the storm approaches, the sky turns green – the colour of a hail storm. Hail can actually be as deadly as the tornado itself, because the stones can be as large as cricket balls. Even these smaller hailstones, the size of golfballs, can dent cars and injure people.

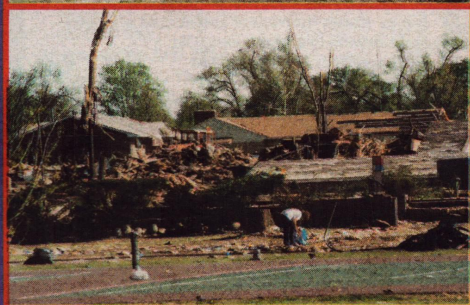
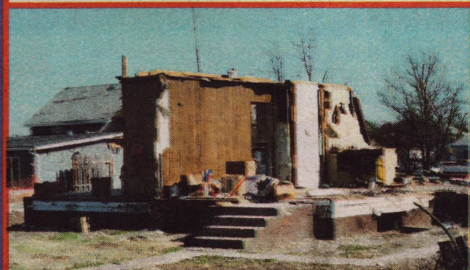
10 The storm often involves severe lightning strikes. Sheet lightning [demonstrated below] illuminates the whole sky for hundreds of kilometres. Although anvil crawlers – lightning bolts that shoot down to the ground from anvil clouds – are a lot more dangerous.



12 Once a tornado touches down, storm chasers go to great lengths to follow it. But tornadic storms are powerful and dangerous and the convoy often encounters obstacles. In this case, power-lines had come down and a derailed freight train blocked the road ahead.



13 The damage caused by tornadoes is difficult to comprehend. These savage storms flatten entire streets of houses in seconds. Homes are often picked up and then dropped down again. Sometimes, all that's left is the kitchen sink, a bath, or the foundations.



11 If the conditions are right, a tornado will suddenly descend from the clouds. This can take a few seconds, although it can also take up to an hour and nobody knows what triggers this. Most twisters are rain-wrapped, which makes them virtually invisible. Others look like white, swirling cones and they can be anything up to 1.6km wide.



14 Cars also get sucked up into the vortex, and it only takes a few minutes in the storm before they're thrown back out again – looking like this.



15 When storms subside, survivors are strangely happy. "The house has gone, but my family and our dog are fine, so we're happy," sighs Bob from Hoisington, Kansas. Storm chasers often spot tornadoes in time to raise the alarm and warn local residents.

Just a couple of minutes warning is enough to get people into storm shelters – most people who live in tornado alley have a shelter in their basement.

TWISTER FACTS

The Fujita F-scale is used to measure the damage caused by a tornado. Most are classified F1 – causing "moderate damage" such as overturning mobile homes, but the most powerful recorded, F5, destroys houses and throw cars more than 100m, at estimated speeds of 500kph!

Around 1,000 tornadoes touch down in America each year.

An average of 33 tornadoes strike the UK every year – although in 1982, 152 were reported!

In just two days in April 1974, 144 tornadoes touched down in the US, killing 330 people.

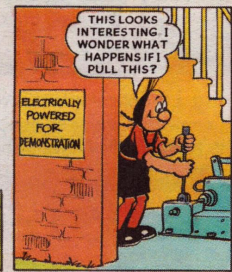
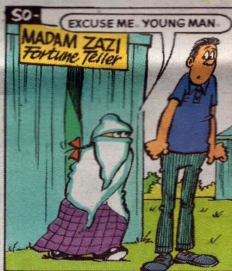
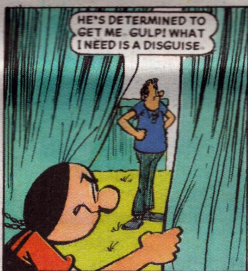
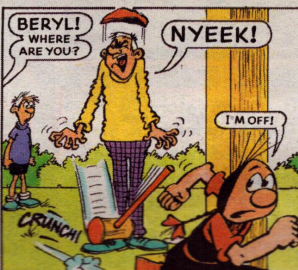
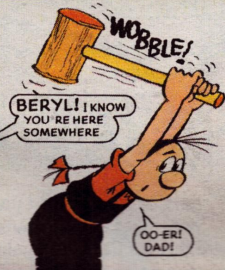
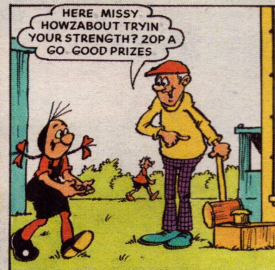
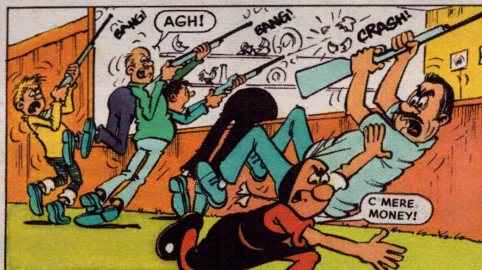
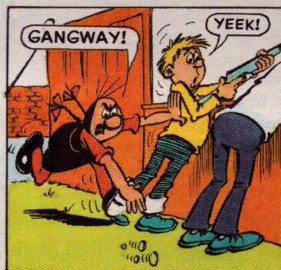
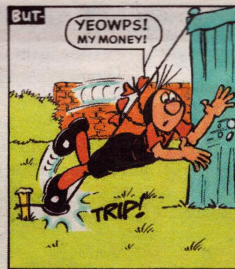
One of the most powerful tornadoes seen in the UK ripped through London in October 1091.

To find out more about tornadoes, check out TORRO's website at www.torro.org.uk

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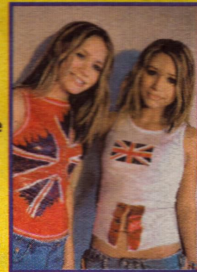
Beryl THE PERIL

BERYL THE PERIL APPEARS EVERY WEEK IN THE DANDY



www.artemisfowl.co.uk
It's going to be Fowl Friday on March 8, when Eoin Colfer's adventure-packed book, Artemis Fowl, arrives in paperback. To help build the buzz, this new site gets you in the mood for gadgets and mayhem with its multiplayer game. The aim is to test your nerve by catching as many rampaging trolls as possible [just like in the ultra-cool book!].

www.marykateandashley.com
Don't just take our word for it that the Olsen twins from America are planning world domination [see the interview on page 5] – check out their slick website, which is crammed with all things Mary-Kate and Ashley. Is there anything these girls don't do?



If you are a webhead and have discovered a great site, or have created one of your own, spin me a mail and tell me all about it on webby@sunday-times.co.uk

FRESH!

WALKERS FOOTBALLS ★★★★★
You've seen the hilarious Gary-as-David Seaman-mum TV adverts, but does Walkers new snack make it as a Premiership nibble? Our verdict is a yummy "yes". The corn ball packs, in cheese or bacon flavour, are very moreish and the flavour isn't too overpowering. Plus for every pack sold, 1p goes towards the Walkers football fund which, if your primary school or footie club applies, could mean new Umbro shirts, footballs and equipment. Kickin'!



SNACK

THE ROUGH GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS 5-11 YEARS by Nicholas Tucker ★★★★★
Still think Harry Potter is the be all and end all of reading? Well, let this Rough Guide help you discover many more top tales. The book is laid out clearly, and labelled sections – including fantasy stories, stories from home and abroad or poetry – make delving in and out easy. Old classics, such as The Hobbit and Treasure Island, mix with newer stories, such as Artemis Fowl or Holes, and each has a concise plot outline and a balanced review.



BOOK

KIT KAT CHUNKY WHITE ★★★★★
The gorgeous chunky Kit Kat has been given a white chocolate coat for a limited time only. It was a split verdict in the Funday office as to whether it's better than the original thick chocolate wafer Kit Kat [depending on whether we like white chocolate or not!]. It's sweeter than the milk chocolate version but the chunky white is no worse for that. Also, look out for the limited edition five finger Kit Kat as well – that's an extra finger for free. Yum!



SNACK

Beryl's back with more mayhem in Funday next week!

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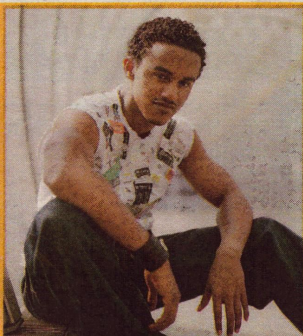
MY OH MY!

He's the funky soul-boy who captured hearts when he sobbed in the loo on Popstars, after failing to make it into Hear'Say. But now 22-year-old Warren Stacey has dried his eyes and looks set to become the grooviest thing in the charts as he releases his debut single, *My Girl, My Girl*

Warren, welcome back to the world of pop! How's life been since Popstars? Crazy, absolutely mad! First off, I had a month and a half of total chaos. I was chased down the street, spotted at airports, you name it. There were loads of different producers and managers trying to get hold of me, so I found the best, set to work and before you know it, I was signed to Def Soul.

Are you raring to go now?

Too right! Every morning I wake up and the first thing that goes through my head is: "Hang on, I'm spending another day living my ultimate dream!" It's such a great experience.



Tell us about your first single, *My Girl, My Girl*.

I wrote it, and it's so special to me. I recorded it with a guy named Warren Campbell in LA, whose worked with the likes of Alicia Keys and Sisco. I heard the backing track, thought it was beautiful, and just threw my all into it. I reminisced back to my first love at 16, this girl I went out with for three years. She doesn't know it's about her either... until now that is!

Do you feel like a proper pop star now?

Y'know, I'm not that sure really. I thought I'd feel totally different, but it's all just exactly the same. Well, apart from the fact that more people know my name now, and I'm working my backside off, but I'm loving every bit of it.

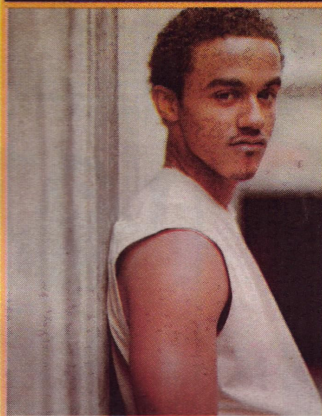
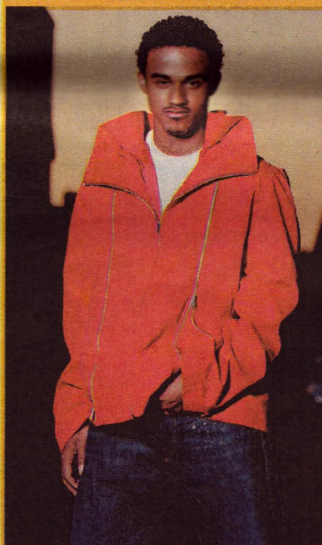
Have any of your own idols given you some advice yet?

What was cool was getting to meet Craig David at the Ivor Novello Awards. He told me that his mum had taped Popstars when he was in the States, and he caught me singing one of his songs when he watched it back, and thoroughly complimented me on my adaptation. Talk about chuffed!

You recently supported O-Town on tour - what was that like?

Really cool, as it was the first time I ever got to do my full set. The crowds were just so receptive, they went berserk!

Warren Stacey's single, *My Girl, My Girl*, is out next Monday



AWAY FROM HOME

Buzz! catches up with Kylie Watson, who plays Shauna in Aussie soap, *Home And Away*

Hi Kylie, is Shauna finally finding happiness with Jude?

Yes! Jude is a real turning point for Shauna. She's had a really rough time lately, finding out she's adopted, finding out she has a heart condition and her biological mother dropping dead on her.

You have left the show now, but you're still on British screens.

Can you tell us what's in store for Shauna?

No, I can't tell you. All I can say is that I am returning for 10 weeks, so I'm obviously not killed off - unless I come back as a ghost!

Judy Nunn [who played Ailsa] left after 14 years in the show. Was it sad to say goodbye?

It was, but it was harder for people like Kate Ritchie. She's been there

that long too - she's played Sally since she was six years old!

Have you had any classic slip-ups during filming?

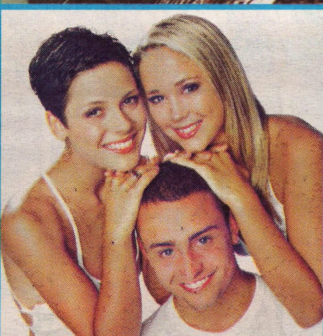
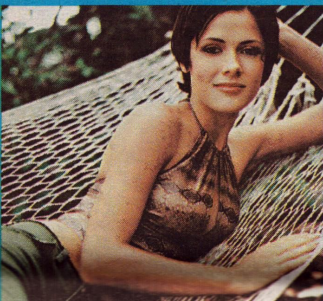
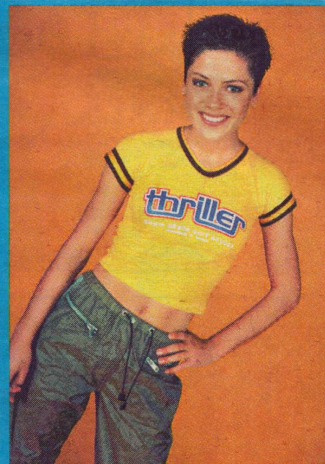
My stomach grumbles really loudly and it always seems to happen in a serious scene, when I'm about to kiss someone or tell someone that I'm dying - or whatever! I get this loud noise creeping up from my stomach and into my throat. It sounds like a burp but isn't! We have to stop filming and start again.

Now that you've left, do you miss *Home And Away*?

I miss my friends. Kate Ritchie is a really good friend of mine and I miss her.

What's your favourite *Home And Away* memory?

The cast were asked to stay on this big cruise liner, which was moored in Sydney harbour during the Olympics last year. We stayed there for five days and were taken to two events each day. It was an amazing experience and I'd never have done it if it wasn't for *Home And Away*.



Away days: Kylie with co-stars Rebecca Cartwright and Zac Drayson

MIS-TEEQ ON DIGGIT!

Calling all Mis-Teeq fans! The Mis-Teeq ladies will be appearing on Disney's *DiggIt* on GMTV, this Saturday, performing their sparkling new single, *B With Me*. The girls also popped into the Funday office this week to drop off a cool signed *DiggIt*



T-shirt, two signed pictures, the new CD single [signed of course!] and a signed copy of their fantastic debut album, too.

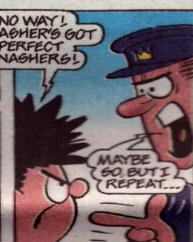
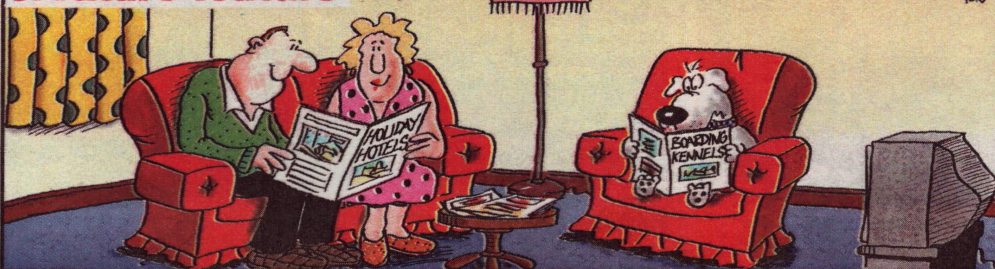
To enter our Mis-Teeq *DiggIt* competition, just name the three members of the group!

Send your entries, together with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.

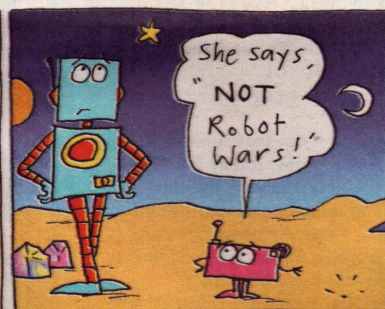
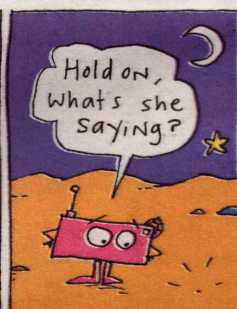
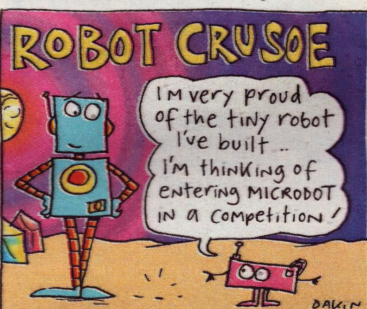


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NEXT WEEK



PICTURE: PAVYU WOK



Discover all the news and backstage gossip from this week's glittering Brit Awards

Read about the British Destiny's Child fan who was whisked off to America to become part of her favourite band ... well, almost

Learn how a new language was created for Disney's Atlantis



f-mail

EXTREME COLLECTION

Millions of people now participate in one or more extreme sports, as their popularity grows and grows. Action Sports Collectables [ASC] makes a collectable series of cards based on the world of action sports, including snowboarding, skateboarding and surfing. ASC is giving the writer of the star f-mail one pair of Osiris Skate Shoes, an Osiris T-shirt and two packs of Action Sports Cards. The cards include 10 members of the Osiris Skateboarding team. The other f-mailers will receive a T-shirt and two packs of Action Sports cards. To view the shoes, go to www.projects skate.com, or to play the cards online, visit www.actionsportscards.com



Send your letters, cartoons, jokes and drawings to: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX Send your e-mail to: funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk

Dear f-mail,
Here is a poem I wrote for Pop Idol's Gareth Gates, who has done so well to overcome his stammer after being bullied for it for years.

A little boy from Bradford,
Trying to get his message through.
We waste our precious words,
Something this boy couldn't do.
Bullied and tormented,
All throughout his childhood.
"What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger,"

And Gareth understood.
It strengthened his whole character,
And filled him with self-confidence.
He decided to pursue his biggest dream,
When he stood up strong with his life laid out before him.
He couldn't even say his own sweet name,
But it soon became clear he has the voice of an angel.
Which has melted many hearts right through and through,
Gareth - there's a superstar in you.
Rakhee Radia, 13, via e-mail

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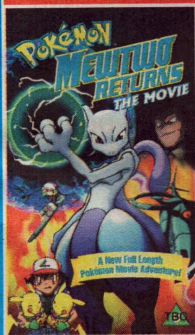
Amesh Ahir, 10, Bradford

WIN IT!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU95 1AY. Competition deadline: March 6

You can e-mail your competition answers to: funday.comps@sunday-times.co.uk
Sorry, but only one e-mail per entrant will be accepted

MEWTWO YOU



Pokémon: Mewtwo Returns The Movie [cert U] is the action-packed sequel to the fantastic Pokémon The First Movie. This brand-new epic adventure is now out to buy on video [£14.99].

Mewtwo is the most powerful of all Pokémon who has been living in the remote Johto Region since his epic battle with Mew. No one knows he exists, apart from his evil creator, Giovanni the Team Rocket leader who wants to use his strength. But Ash and

Pikachu have other plans.

Funday is giving one lucky reader [plus a guardian] a trip to the Warner Bros Movie World theme park in Germany.

The prize includes return flights, self-drive car hire, three night's hotel accommodation, breakfast, travel insurance, a two-day pass to Warner Bros Movie World with £100 spending money and a copy of the video.

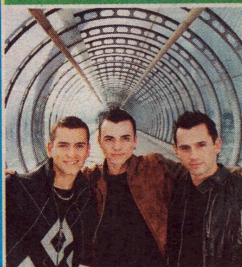


To enter, just name the capital of Germany.

Mark your entry MEWTWO and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.



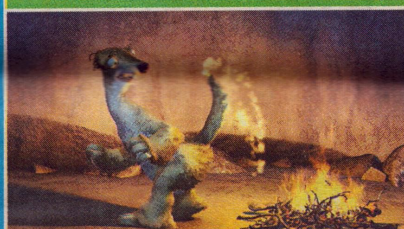
COOL PARTY



Wrap up warm folks, because the Ice Age is coming to a big screen near you! Out on March 22, Ice Age is a cool computer-animated adventure that takes moviegoers back 20,000 years for some film fun for the whole family. The movie follows a group of chucklesome mammals – including Manny the woolly mammoth, Sid the sloth, Scrat a half-squirrel, half-rat and Diego the sabre-tooth tiger – as they trek across mighty ice-caverns and colossal glaciers to return a human baby, Roshan, to her family.

Funday is giving one lucky reader a pair of tickets to the Ice Age premiere in London, where the winner will get to meet funky new boyband, 3SL. Plus, the winner will mingle with the stars at the cool aftershow party. And watch out for the Funday crew as we'll be there too!

To enter, name the ex-Steps star who manages 3SL



Mark your entry N-ICE AGE and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

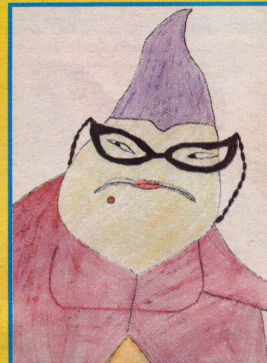


Dear f-mail,
Pop Idol was fantastic, and I am already looking forward to the next series, but I think the phone voting has to be sorted out. On the day of the final, we rang the phoneline time after time, trying to vote for Gareth. We wanted to register at least 20 votes as we think he deserved to win, but we only got through four times, so he missed out on 16 votes. I wonder how many other votes he didn't get because of the same problem? There should be a fairer way of voting than this. Next time I think I will vote by e-mail!
Rikki Jones, Dinbych



Verity, 13, and Reiss, 8, Thompson, Birmingham

Dear f-mail,
No offence to the Prime Minister, but I think I could do a better job. For a start, I would begin school an hour later, because it is a ridiculous time to have to get up. I would also make sure that the prices go down in cinemas and trendy coffee shops that charge appalling prices for a cup of milk and crushed ice! Lastly, I would do something about the condition of the Underground, because it's just plain awful.
Hannah Ivory, 13, London



Gabby Snook, 12, Leeds

How did the baker get an electric shock?

He stood on a bun and a currant ran up his leg!

What do you get if you cross a flea with a rabbit?

Bugs Bunny!

Elizabeth Scanlon, 12, Worcester

Who's going to meet 3SL in our fab Ice Age competition? Enter today to be in with a chance!



CUP CLASH

Rovers facing Tottenham Hotspur. Two young players who have been crucial to the progress of their teams in this competition are Rovers striker Matt Jansen and Spurs centre-back Ledley King. Funday takes a look at the careers of these rising stars of soccer

The Worthington Cup final takes place today at the Millennium Stadium, in Cardiff, with Blackburn



Rovers: Matt Jansen

- As a youngster, Matt was a huge Newcastle United fan. He regularly joined the Toon Army at St James's Park and cheered on his then Newcastle hero, Andy Cole – who's now his strike partner at Blackburn!
- The 24-year-old forward moved from Crystal Palace to Blackburn for £4.1m in 1999. He began his career at Carlisle United and turned down a move to Manchester United, when he was 19, to sign for Crystal Palace. "I wanted first-team football and knew my chances would be very limited at Old Trafford," he remembers.
- During Blackburn's promotion-winning season last year, Matt was the club's top scorer with 23 league goals. He also won the player-of-the-year award, and scored the goal against Preston that secured Rovers' place in the Premiership.
- This season, Matt has scored 11 goals, including a stunning hat-trick against Arsenal in the fifth round of the Worthington Cup.

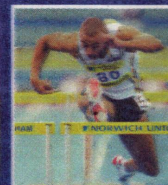
Spurs: Ledley King

- Ledley King made his first-team debut for Spurs aged 18, against Liverpool at Anfield. Now 21, Ledley's form this season has more than filled the gap left by Sol Campbell, who defected to North London arch rivals, Arsenal.
- The defender would have made his full England debut in the recent friendly against Holland but a sore throat prevented him from doing so.
- Ledley's talent is acknowledged by Spurs manager, and former England coach, Glenn Hoddle. "Most defenders are good at the back, but lack a bit on the ball, or vice versa. Ledley is a defender and a footballer as well, in that he is comfortable on the ball. He is definitely ready for the England squad," he said.
- Arsenal's Ashley Cole is one of Ledley's best pals. They grew up across the road from each other in the same London street and the lads have been mates since they were nine years old. "We've known each other since we were kids and we see each other all the time," says Ledley.



SPORT NEWS

Funday picks out the best of this week's sporting action



Friday European indoor athletics championships, Vienna

The first major athletics event of 2002 promises to whet everyone's appetite for the Commonwealth Games and European athletics championships later this year. Look out for Brits Ashia Hansen, Jason Gardner, Colin Jackson and Mark Lewis-Francis battling it out for medals. Coverage on BBC2 and British Eurosport



Saturday Six Nations, France v England, Paris

This looks to be the Six Nations grand-slam decider. Both sides are world-beaters but they also have a habit of blowing things when it comes to the crunch! On current

form, England should win – but everybody said that before they lost their last big game against Ireland in Dublin, last October. Live on Sky Sports 2, from 2pm.

RED CARDS



Upper Deck has dedicated a set of trading cards to the mighty Manchester United. The limited release, 45-card set features the entire 2001 team including Becks, Giggsy, Keano and the gaffer, Sir Alex Ferguson.

Upper Deck is giving one winner, four friends and an adult a trip to Old Trafford for the day, where they will take a tour, visit the team museum, and get lunch at the Red Cafe [travel expenses up to £50 per person included].

Plus, the winner and 20 runners-up will receive a pack of Upper Deck Manchester United Trading Cards.

To enter, tell us the name of Manchester United's Dutch striker.

Mark your entry REDS and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.



Fans Utd

O.K. BOBSLEIGH TEAM. BEFORE WE ROLL ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?



YES – WHY DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO BE AT THE TAP END?

